

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A load drive circuit includes a plurality of control sections for drive controlling of a drive switching element while protecting the drive switching element from a predetermined abnormality status, and a current blocking switching element being provided in at least any of a path between the control sections and a power source and a path between the control sections and a ground. When an input to an input circuit is OFF, a current flowing to a gate drive circuit for on/off driving of the drive switching element becomes an OFF state, the driving switching element becomes an OFF state, and the input circuit causes each current blocking switching element to be an OFF state to block dark current.